

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JUNE 14, 2004

- I. Mayor Fred Armstrong called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 7:07 P.M.
 - A. Opening Prayer was given by George Denholm, Director of Congregational Life Ministries.
 - B. Pledge – Mayor Armstrong led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - C. Roll Call: Present: John Brown, Craig Hawes, Ann Devore, George Dutro, Robert Kittle, Martha Myers, August Tindell.
 - D. Craig Hawes announced that he had been activated with the 2nd Squadron, 107th Calvary Regiment, 38th Infantry Division, an Army National Guard unit and would be stationed in Kosovo for a period of time not less than six (6) months. Martha Myers, President of the Council thanked Craig and wished him well on behalf of the Council.
 - E. Acceptance of Minutes from the previous meeting – Martha Myers moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting and August Tindell seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
- II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action

There was no unfinished business requiring Council action.
- III. New Business Requiring Council Action
 - A. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.16, 2004, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1-7.” (Hoosier Tool & Die). Vicky Gochenour introduced Mark L. Foster, General Manager for Hoosier Tool & Die Co., Inc. Mr. Foster requested a tax abatement on behalf of Hoosier Tool & Die in the amount of \$ 75,000 in real property improvements and \$740,000 in new manufacturing equipment. As a result of this expansion, 33 jobs will be retained and 3 jobs will be added. This is Hoosier Tool & Die Co., Inc. fourth (4th) tax abatement. Craig Hawes stated that the Incentive Review Committee met and found this company to be in substantial compliance. Craig Hawes moved to approve the Resolution and Ann Devore seconded the motion. Resolution for tax abatement passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
 - B. Ordinance No. 11, 2004 returned to Council for reconsideration of commitment. Laura Thayer, Acting Director of the Planning Department, reported that at its regular meeting the Plan Commission considered the commitment initiated by City Council at its May 5, 2004 meeting. The commitment required the petitioner to install sidewalks along the property’s Chapa Drive frontage. Laura indicated the Planning Department staff recommended disagreement with the commitment, based on the comments from City Engineering and the

Parks Department. Laura indicated that the Plan Commission voted to disagree with the commitment. Laura distributed a Memo from Steve Ruble, City Engineer. The Council addressed questions to Rod Blasdel, Director of Aviation; Larry Stith, representative of Silver Oaks/Trilogy Health Services, and Laura Thayer. After much discussion, George Dutro moved to postpone any action on Ordinance No. 11 pending additional consideration of the commitment for sidewalk. Robert Kittle seconded the motion and the motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

- C. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.____, 2004, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, TO REZONE PROPERTIES OF APPROXIMATELY 8 ACRES, CONSISTING OF A BUILDING LOCATED AT 1225 7TH STREET AND INCLUDING ASSOCIATED PARKING AREAS ALONG BOTH SIDES OF 7TH STREET BETWEEN UNION STREET AND WERNER STREET, FROM I-2 (MEDIUM INDUSTRIAL) TO B-4 (HIGHWAY BUSINESS) Laura Thayer indicated that the owner of this property, Reliance Agents, Inc. requested that property be rezoned to B-4. Laura indicated that the Planning Department recommended approval of rezoning the property to B-4C with a series of conditions outlined in the Ordinance. The Planning Commission recommended that the requested rezoning be approved. Questions from the Council were asked regarding the uses of B-4C zoning and Section II – Conditions in the Ordinance. Keith Sharp, new owner of the property explained the proposed use of the property, being an antique mall housing between 70 and 100 dealers. Mr. Sharp indicated he had a “No Further Action” letter from IDEM showing that IDEM had reviewed the property for any environmental cleanup and it was in compliance. After much discussion, John Brown made a motion to put the Ordinance in proper channels with the stipulation that Laura Thayer would come back and give a better definition of the conditions of items 1 and 3 in Section II of the Ordinance. Ann Devore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0. Mr. Sharp was asked to provide the Council with a copy of his letter from IDEM.
- D. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.____, 2004, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 37,200 SQUARE FEET OF PROPERTY, LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF 25TH STREET BETWEEN SYCAMORE STREET AND CHESTNUT STREET IN THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, FROM R-6 (MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO RB (RESTRICTED BUFFER)”(Irvine Cain)Laura Thayer stated the owners of this property wished to rezone the property in order to better be able to sell it. Laura indicated that the Plan Commission recommended that the rezoning request be denied. Diana Eubanks, realtor for the owners, spoke of how the property would be used and the benefits of rezoning it. Mary Lou Mann, a neighbor of the property, indicated that she desired that the property not be rezoned because she did not want to live next to a business. Barbara Elkins, also a neighbor to the property, stated that she was opposed to the rezoning. Jean Cain, one of the property owners, spoke of her belief that rezoning would have no negative effect on the neighborhood. Craig Hawes made a motion to concur with the recommendation of the Plan Commission and deny the requested

rezoning. Ann Devore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 1. George Dutro opposed the motion.

- E. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2004, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 8,000 SQUARE FEET OF PROPERTY, LOCATED AT 1007 CENTRAL AVENUE IN THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, FROM R-4 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO RB (RESTRICTED BUFFER).” (Spoon Rezoning) Laura Thayer reported that the Plan Commission recommended that the requested rezoning be approved. Joel Spoon, on behalf of Brian Kuznicki, owner of the property, spoke about the piece of property and indicated all requirements would be met including any landscaping requirements. Sandy Benson, family member, shared her feelings that if this was rezoned people in the neighborhood might be compelled to take better care of their properties. Mr. Brian Kuznicki, owner of the property, asked the Council to approve the rezoning. George Dutro moved to place the matter in proper channels. August Tindell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 2. John Brown and Robert Kittle voted against the motion.
- F. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO. 13, 2004, AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA AMENDING THE 2003 SALARY ORDINANCE.” Gary Henderson asked the Council to consider a salary amendment that would allow an advanced EMT intermediate, assigned to ambulance to be paid at the rate of a sergeant being \$38,978.00. It was noted that the original Ordinance stated it was amending the 2003 Salary Ordinance instead of 2004 and that the Ordinance used the word “paramedic intermediate” instead of advanced EMT intermediate. There was brief discussion concerning the terminology. George Dutro made a motion to change the Ordinance to read “Amending the 2004 Salary Ordinance” and change the wording to read “advanced EMT intermediate” rather than a “paramedic intermediate”. Ann Devore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0. George Dutro moved to suspend the rules and approve the Ordinance on the first reading. Craig Hawes seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote. George Dutro then made a motion to approve the Ordinance amending the 2004 Salary Ordinance for advanced EMT intermediate. Craig Hawes seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.
- G. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.14, 2004, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2004. Brenda Sullivan, Columbus City Clerk Treasurer stated that she had been notified in mid-April by Dan Eggersmann of the State of Indiana Department of Local Governmental Finance that the 2004 budget had not been properly advertised in September, 2003 and therefore could not be certified as an approved budget by the Department. She explained that this Ordinance was an additional appropriation for the amount of the 2004 budget. A short discussion followed. John Brown made a motion to suspend the rules and approve the Ordinance on the first reading. Ann Devore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0. John Brown made a motion to approve the Ordinance

providing for the additional appropriation. August Tindell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

IV. Other Business

- A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports.
- B. Martha Myers reminded the Council and attendees of the Commons Playground Renovation Project Community Input Schedule. Lynn Wolff and Sean Sanger of the Copley Wolf Design Group will be receiving ideas, suggestions, comments and concerns regarding the renovation of The Commons playground.
- C. Reports were given for informational purposes.
- D. The next scheduled meeting of the Common Council is Tuesday, July 6th, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.
- E. Adjourn – Martha Myers moved to adjourn. John Brown seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn passed 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:55 o'clock P.M.

Presiding Officer of the Common Council

Attest:

Columbus City Clerk Treasurer